

## **PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE**

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**Date:** Monday 16th May 2022

**Title:** **Open Spaces Strategy – part A**

**Contact Officer:** Town Clerk/RFO – Sharon Groth

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### **BACKGROUND**

The purpose of this report is to review the Open Spaces Strategy Action Plan for areas under the responsibility of this Committee, and where necessary review the timescale if commencement or completion dates have slipped.

### **CURRENT SITUATION**

The attached appendix details the actions under this Committees area of responsibility.

Members are reminded that the Council’s decision to bring the grounds maintenance in house has a significant bearing on many of the actions in the plan. There is a significant amount of work to be done in order to smoothly transition the grounds maintenance service into the Councils own control, which has begun as far as possible so far.

Members should have regard to agenda item 7 – Committee Objectives/Work Programme for the Municipal Year.

Items relating to West Witney Sports Ground and the Leys Recreation Ground Masterplan will be considered under part B at agenda item 12 – in confidential session.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT**

Having declared a Climate Change Emergency at its Council meeting on 26 June 2019 – with this in mind Councillors should have due regard to the environmental impact of any decisions they make with regard to its facilities and services it operates.

### **RISK**

In decision making Councillors should give consideration to any risks to the Council and any action it can take to limit or negate its liability.

When considering its priorities the committee should be mindful of all resources – financial as well as human resources.

## **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

There are no direct financial implications arising from this report.

## **RECOMMENDATIONS**

Members are invited to note the report, review the Open Spaces Strategy Action Plan for this Committee's areas of responsibility and consider realigning commencement or completion dates if appropriate.